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Disability Commission Minutes 04/21/04

ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2004

Members Present: Barbara Jones, Barbara Cutler, Lin Baker, Kevin O'Brien
 Joe Giurleo, Tom Boudreau

Members Absent: Louis Krodel

Staff Present: Jack Jones

Meeting Minutes March 17, 2004:

Lin made a motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2004 seconded by Tom.
 SO VOTED

E911:

Jack said that the Town's E911 lists are now in electronic format, which will allow data to be sorted by disability. Residents interested in obtaining E911 forms should contact Captain Richard Keenefick at 781-316-3904.

Curb Cut Work:

Kevin said that \$73,000 of FY 2005 CDBG funds has been requested for curb cut work along Massachusetts Avenue. If this request is approved these funds will be added to a \$26,000 balance from FY 2004. Kevin said that the Selectmen received \$800,000 more in requests than the amount of available FY 2005 CDBG Funds.

Community Development Update:

Kevin said that trees are now being planted at the Reeds Brooke Site. Kevin said that all paths, which will be packed stone dust, and all curb cuts at this site would meet ADA requirements. Kevin said that the reconstruction of Summer Street is still scheduled to begin during the late spring or summer.

Jack said that Bruce Bruneau, Community Access Monitor Project Coordinator for the Mass. Office on Disability, said that if he were requested to review the Peirce School Walkway he would also have to survey the entire Peirce School Building for compliance with the Architectural Access Board Regulations. Barbara C. said that with the same architect developing the plans for the Dallin School it is important that the M.O.D. survey the Peirce School building for compliance with all AAB regulations. Tom made a motion seconded by Lin to request that M.O.D. audit the construction work at the Peirce School. SO VOTED

Kevin said that the Disability Commission should meet with the Permanent Town Building Committee to express concerns about access issues that could occur at the Dallin School. Kevin said that the same architect developed the plans for the Peirce School also has developed the plans for the Dallin School.

Kevin said that 255 condominiums and a small medical facility would be developed at the former Symmes Site. Kevin said that Health South has moved from this site to a location in Woburn. Kevin said that of the eighteen acres at this site nine would remain as open space. A vista park will be constructed where the emergency room currently exists.

Legislative Update:

Barbara said that the House has put back in the State's FY 2005 Human Services Budget most of the funds cut by the Governor.

Goals for FY 2005:

The following goals for 2005 are developing a Web Site for the Disability Commission, educating and training the Police Department and Town Permanent Building Committee regarding access issues, improving access along sidewalks and curb cuts, increasing Commission membership, promote the Town's E911 system and to continue to monitor disability issues involving Arlington Schools.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.